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Arts Council Minutes 05/02/2001

Arlington Arts Council

Minutes of May 2, 2001 -- Robbins Library

Present: Members -- Christine Alaimo, Mary Babic, Diane Connor, Shari Craig, Jamie Doyle, Carol Mahoney, Suzanne McLeod, David Silverman

Guests -- Laurence McKenney

Absent: Cheryl Hemenway, Amy Peters, Kathleen Callahan Phelps, Jessica Siegel, Robert Zinck

David Silverman called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm.

Item One -- Minutes

David Silverman moved to approve the minutes from April 3, 2001. Christine Alaimo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item Two -- Requests for Payments

David Silverman moved to approve final payment of \$100.00 to Stratton School PTO for Garden Mural (grant #2001-19). Suzanne McLeod seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Silverman moved to approve final payment of \$890.00 to Brackett Elementary School for Chariot of the Sun / Behind the Mask (grant #2001-21). Christine Alaimo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item Three Discussion with New Candidates

One potential new member, Laurence McKenney, attended the meeting. Council members asked him about his interest in the Council. Laurence remains interested in the Council and spoke of his skills and interests.

Item Four Council Discussion About Adding New Members

Council members discussed adding additional members to the Council. It was discussed that the Council now has 12 voting members, which includes 5 new members. The Council discussed the option of adding new members, which included a discussion of the difficulties of having too large a number of members joining all at once. The benefits of staggering admittance of new members was discussed. It was decided that the Council would not vote on any new members in this meeting, and that all remaining individuals still interested in the Council will be sent the minutes from this meeting and an agenda for the next meeting in case anyone would like to attend next month. We will revisit this issue in a future meeting and will reconsider all remaining potential new members.

Item Five Voting on New Members

Tabled until a later meeting.

Item Six Discussion about transition of corresponding secretary duties from Carol Mahoney to Cheryl Hemenway

Carol Mahoney reported on the logistics of passing her corresponding secretarial duties on to Cheryl Hemenway. Carol distributed a report outlining the corresponding secretary's responsibilities as well as several sample letters and other documents. Carol also made her suggestions regarding redesigning and updating some of the material. She also suggested that the Council consider ordering additional letterhead this summer. Council discussed changing its name from AAC (Arlington Arts Council) to ACC (Arlington Cultural Council), although it was generally agreed that for consistency the Council would continue with the name AAC.

Item Seven Discussion of By-Laws

This discussion was tabled and will be discussed in our next meeting. All members were asked to review the by-laws prior to the meeting next month.

Item Eight Other Business

Council members discussed the issue of mail arriving for the Council at Town Hall, and then being forwarded to David Silverman. It was agreed that although mail is forwarded to David in a timely fashion, it would be worthwhile for a Council member to stop by Town Hall the day before or the day of our monthly meeting to gather any additional mail that may have arrived since the last collection was forwarded to David. Town Hall will continue to forward mail to David, but Mary Babic volunteered to pick up any late-arriving mail for the Arts Council and bring it to each meeting.

Elaine Porter: Southern Music (grant #99-33) has requested a grant extension date for her project. Her deadline was set for May 15, and her event is currently scheduled for June 14, at 2:00 pm. David Silverman moved to grant an extension of one month, with a new deadline of June 15. Jamie Doyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Babic reminded all new members that the New Member Training meeting for Council members is to be held in Lexington Town Hall, May 15, 7-9 pm. Several members plan to meet beforehand and carpool to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm by David Silverman.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Alaimo, *Recording Secretary*